THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The matter was inquired into and it was found that the reported transaction did not take place.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Powerloom Service Centres in Andhra Pradesh

1179. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Powerloom Service Centres (PSCs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present, district-wise; and

(b) how they have contributed in "upgradation of skills of powerloom workers" in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Two Powerloom Service Centres have been functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh in the following Districts:

(i) Chittor

(ii) Ranga Reddy

(b) The PSCs organise training programmes to the Powerloom weavers/workers on a periodical basis. The office of Textile Commissioner also supplement their efforts in conducting training programmes. The office of Textile Commissioner has organised training on powerloom weaving, loom maintenance and related technology imparted to 14 Nos. successful candidates at Hassanbada, East Godavari District, in the month of November, 2000 and a similar training programme is under progress at Sircilla, Karimnagar district with special emphasis on *in-situ* upgradation of powerlooms.

Revival of APKKM Mills of NTC

1180. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of the textile mills coming under the subsidiary company APKKM of NTC pending before the BIFR;

(b) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of SITRA report regarding the viability of the said mills;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any concrete revival proposal or package to revive the mills coming under APKKM of NTC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Operating Agency (IFCI) is in the process of preparing Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) for submission to BIFR.

(b) and (c) Government furnished SITRA's techno economic viability studies of mills to Operating Agency for examining the same and for preparation of Draft Revival Scheme for submission to BIFR.

(d) and (e) Government approved a revival approach consisting of revival of revivable mills and closure of non-revivable mills after giving Voluntary Retirement Scheme to workers in such mills. Government also agreed in principle for giving certain concessions to make the company viable. Revival package is yet to be finalised by BIFR.

Textiles and Jute Industries Availing Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

1181. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile and jute industries including readymade and powerloom textile sectors have availed of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) since 1st April, 1999; and

(b) the names of such industries and the amount each one has received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) From 1.4.1999 to 31.5.2001, under the Technology Upgradation Fund